

## Claims

- [c1] 1. A roof rack system comprising:  
at least one storage surface movable between a first position and a second position;  
said first position defined by said at least one storage surface being generally coincident  
with a roof of a vehicle; and  
said second position defined by said at least one storage surface being generally coincident  
with a side of a vehicle.
- [c2] 2. A roof rack system as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
a locking mechanism securing said at least one storage surface in said second position.
- [c3] 3. A roof rack system as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
a plurality of collapsible rails.
- [c4] 4. A roof rack system as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
at least one track element mounted to said at least one storage surface; and  
at least one guide element.
- [c5] 5. A roof rack system as described in claim 4 further comprising:  
at least one securing slot formed in said at least one track element.
- [c6] 6. A roof rack system as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
a right storage surface; and  
a left storage surface.
- [c7] 7. A roof rack system as described in claim 6 further comprising:  
a left end rail element attached to said left storage surface; and  
a right end rail element attached to said right storage surface.
- [c8] 8. A roof rack system as described in claim 1 wherein said at least one storage surface  
includes a plurality of slat elements.
- [c9] 9. A roof rack system as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
at least one mounting element.
- [c10] 10. A roof rack system as described in claim 9 further comprising:  
at least one latching area.
- [c11] 11. A roof rack system for mounting on a vehicle, including a vehicle roof, a vehicle right

side and a vehicle left side, comprising:

a left storage surface moveable between a left first position, wherein said left storage surface is generally coincident with the vehicle roof, and a left second position, wherein said left storage surface is generally coincident with the vehicle left side; and  
a right storage surface moveable between a right first position, wherein said left storage surface is generally coincident with the vehicle roof, and a right second position, wherein said right storage surface is generally coincident with the vehicle right side.

- [c12] 12.A roof rack system as described in claim 11 further comprising:  
a right locking mechanism for securing said right storage surface in said right second position; and  
a left locking mechanism for securing said left storage surface in said left second position.
- [c13] 13.A roof rack system as described in claim 11 further comprising:  
a plurality of collapsible rails.
- [c14] 14.A roof rack system as described in claim 11 further comprising:  
at least one right track element mounted to said right storage surface;  
at least one left track element mounted to said left storage surface; and  
at least one guide element.
- [c15] 15.A roof rack system as described in claim 14 further comprising:  
a plurality of securing slots formed in said at least one right track element and said at least one left track element.
- [c16] 16.A roof rack system as described in claim 11 further comprising:  
a left end rail element attached to said left storage surface; and  
a right end rail element attached to said right storage surface.
- [c17] 17.A roof rack system as described in claim 11 wherein said right storage surface includes a plurality of slat elements.
- [c18] 18.A roof rack system as described in claim 11 wherein said left storage surface includes a plurality of slat elements.
- [c19] 19.A roof rack system as described in claim 11 further comprising:  
a plurality of mounting elements.

- [c20] 20. A roof rack system as described in claim 19 further comprising:  
a plurality of latching areas formed in said plurality of mounting elements.
- [c21] 21. A roof rack system for use on a roof of a vehicle comprising:  
a plurality of collapsible rails movable between a raised position and a collapsed position,  
said plurality of collapsible rails forming a basket on the roof when in said raised position,  
and said plurality of collapsible rails allowing oversized objects to be mounted to the roof  
when in said collapsed position.
- [c22] 22. A roof rack system as described in claim 21 further comprising:  
at least one storage surface positioned on the roof of the vehicle.
- [c23] 23. A roof rack system as described in claim 22 wherein said at least one storage surface is  
movable between a first position and a second position:  
said first position defined by said at least one storage surface being generally coincident  
with the roof of the vehicle; and  
said second position defined by said at least one storage surface being generally coincident  
with a side of the vehicle.

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